## Minutes Of The Foxboro Water and Sewer Commissioners October 1, 2012

Members in Attendance: Chairman W. Euerle, Vice Chairman M. Stanton, Clerk R. Pacella, Water Superintendant R. Worthley, DPW Superintendant R. Hill, Advisory B. Garber, Town Engineer B. Swanson, AECOM Bob Bell, Board of Selectmen Ginny Coppola, Kraft Organization Dan Kranz, Recreation Dept Deb Giardino, Citizen Shannon Silvia

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Euerle.

The Board met with Kraft Organization member Dan Kranz who stated that a negotiation committee has been set up by the Board of Selectmen. M. Stanton liked the idea of keeping lines of communication open and inquired about timely payments of the billboards advertising. Mr. Kranz said that he is willing to discuss quarterly payments instead of annual payments.

The Board discussed the IMA sewer district. They are working on finishing this by the end of the year. R. Hill has spoken with Easton and they are interested in getting 125,000 GPD in five years with an additional request for 75,000 GPD in another five years. They have already figured out their routes and had preliminary engineering done. R. Hill will speak to Mansfield to see if Foxboro can service Easton with part of its allocation.

The Board met with Deb Giardino of the Recreation Department in regards to the bill for 72 Mill Street which is a rental property owned by the Recreation Department. The house came with the Camp St. Augustine property when it was purchased by the town. It is a three bedroom, two bathroom rental. The most recent tenant was evicted over the summer; they owed the Recreation Department \$10,000 - \$12,000 in rent. They also have an outstanding water bill of \$800. Ms. Giardino is requesting that the bill be abated as it will revert to the Park and Recreation Department as the owners of the property.

A motion to take the case under advisement so the legalities and case law can be checked was approved 3-0-0.

The owner of 34 Pleasant Street came before the Board. He has an approved plan to build 8 condo units from 2006. Currently there is a three bedroom single family home on the lot. The 2006 plan called for one two-bedroom unit on the sewer and the rest on septic. He would like to be able to put all the units on sewer. The Board explained that there is a moratorium on new sewer connections right now, this request can be forwarded to Mansfield as a courtesy, but if there is no emergency or hardship, it probably won't be allowed.

The Board met with Bruce and Gary Condon the owners of Condon Auto at 6 South Street. They are coming before the Board to ask for an abatement of a large water bill. It is usually around \$150, but the most recent bill is for \$545. It was found that there was a faulty toilet in the ladies room. They are a local business and taxpayer looking for help. They stated that the internal mechanism of the toilet will be replaced. The Board recommended a low flow toilet be installed.

A motion to approve abatement for \$100 with the conditions that the men's toilet is switched to low flow and the ladies toilet is repaired was approved 3-0-0.

The Board discussed the results of the meeting with the MWRC. The monitoring well may have to be moved; a proposal needs to be written. Work is also needed on the elevations. They will meet with them again after October 31<sup>st</sup>.

R. Hill updated the Board on the DPW labor contract. Their first meeting is this Wednesday. The union is waiting for the police and fire contracts to be settled. R. Hill will keep the Board updated.

The Board discussed the possibility of a cable program for sewer information. Marketing is needed to inform the public, perhaps getting a local business owner to explain how extra sewer capacity would affect them.

The Advisory Committee would like the Board to come to their October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting at 7:00 p.m.

R. Worthley would like to revise the language to the Fire Flow, Fire Pump and Fire System Testing requirements. Regulations and consequences are needed. He would like to have the tests conducted only at night, after 10:00 p.m. and a permit would be needed. Water Personnel would have to be present also. He would like to have this language included in the regulations. If these tests are performed during the day, the system is disrupted and discolored water and pressure problems result. A Public Hearing is needed to change the regulations; the Board can adopt this as an interim policy in the meantime. This information will also be forwarded to the Fire Department.

A motion to approve the procedure in its entirety with permission to proceed with the Public Hearing process was approved 3-0-0.

The Board discussed the Kraft Organization term sheet for negotiations. Ms. Coppola suggested that the Board send a letter to Town Counsel explaining what the Board's requests from the Kraft's are.

The minutes of August 27, 2012 were approved 3-0.

The minutes of September 17th were reviewed.

R. Worthley noted that National Grid has a program where energy efficient equipment can be obtained for free that he will be applying for. The SCADA system is now available on the computers at the office so the wells can be observed and controlled remotely.

The DEP is requiring that a leak detection of the entire system be completed by December 31<sup>st</sup>. The Town has a correlator, but staff training is needed so an outside contractor will be hired to perform this detection.

The most recent legal bill has not been reviewed and will be tabled until the next meeting.

Meeting dates were set for October 15<sup>th</sup> and October 29<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Pacella, Clerk